

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

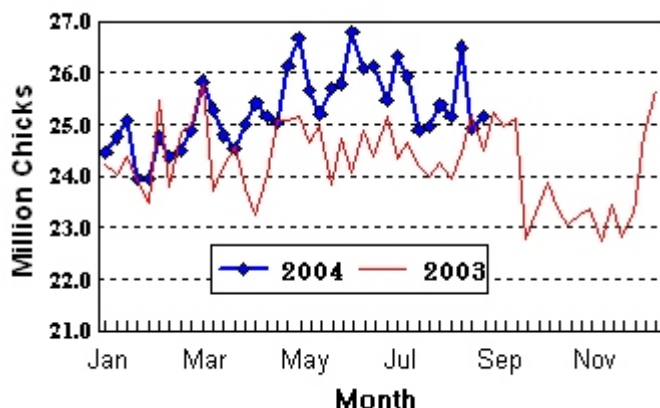
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.2 million during the week ending September 4, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 4, 2004 were 911.5 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.1 million, up 4 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and up 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

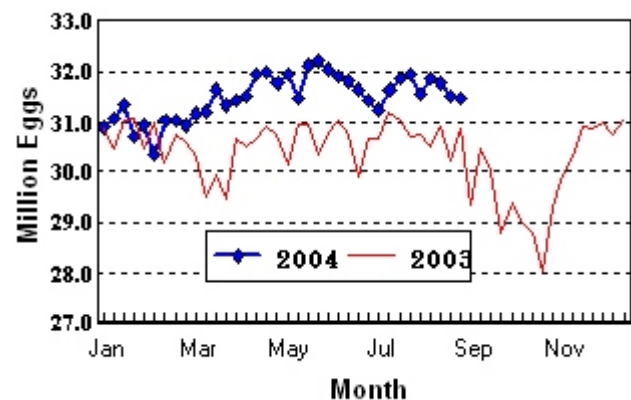
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 4, 2004, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 31	24,022	24,993	104	25,150	25,654	102	30,749	31,944	104
Aug. 7	24,252	25,396	105	25,555	25,964	102	30,785	31,552	102
Aug. 14	23,973	25,208	105	25,442	26,148	103	30,529	31,870	104
Aug. 21	24,485	26,539	108	25,399	26,298	104	30,884	31,803	103
Aug. 28	25,172	24,919	99	25,387	25,982	102	30,223	31,540	104
Sep. 4	24,513	25,192	103	25,164	26,130	104	30,875	31,479	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep		31-Jul	07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	
Alabama	30,144	30,158	30,106	29,579	101	21,781	21,273	21,752	21,526	21,657	21,354	99
ARKANSAS	31,870	31,803	31,540	31,479	102	24,993	25,396	25,208	26,539	24,919 *	25,192	103
Delaware	3,694	3,773	3,693	3,628	96	5,172	5,056	5,018	4,912	5,241	4,897	94
Florida	1,353	1,348	1,339	1,339	99	1,419	1,447	1,589	1,467	1,313	1,182	65
Georgia	33,807 *	33,538 *	33,277 *	32,756	106	25,624	27,056	26,398	26,850 *	27,485 *	26,098	104
Kentucky	7,261	7,073	7,314	6,817	103	6,249	6,008	6,216	6,397	6,408 *	6,121	104
Louisiana	3,923	3,923	3,968	3,967	101	3,733	3,625	3,674	3,719	3,914	3,839	108
Maryland	8,885	8,886	8,879	8,762	99	5,375	5,998	5,743	6,119	5,880	5,858	111
Mississippi	19,845	19,713	18,790	19,689	105	17,064	17,006	17,570	17,179	17,055	17,581	107
N. Carolina	18,011 *	18,122	17,651	17,710	109	14,887	14,982	14,724	14,629	14,135	14,331	102
Oklahoma	6,485	6,739	6,478	6,614	104	4,880	4,935	5,121	4,926	4,693	4,857	112
Pennsylvania	3,668 *	3,990 *	3,951 *	3,836	104	2,844	2,923	2,828 *	2,875 *	2,744 *	2,688	98
S. Carolina	4,132	3,856	4,131	4,136	88	4,799	4,603	4,160	4,661	4,242	5,170	123
Texas	15,424 *	15,257 *	15,299 *	15,268	104	12,719	12,874 *	12,876 *	12,705 *	12,874 *	12,774	107
Virginia	6,579	6,572	6,612	6,293	104	5,638	5,256	5,380	5,209	5,197	5,086	86
CA,MO,IN,WV	17,739 *	17,790 *	17,224 *	17,585	119	15,634	16,060 *	16,484 *	15,892 *	17,333 *	16,404	104
Total 2004	212,820 *	212,541 *	210,252 *	209,458		172,811	174,498 *	174,741 *	175,605 *	175,090 *	173,432	
Total 2003	205,371	205,998	203,135	200,711		167,589	170,090	169,515	169,295	169,271	168,221	
%Prev. Year	104	103	104	104		103	103	103	104	103	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending September 4, 2004. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 4, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through September 4, 2004 were 6.21 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.